



CITY OF CONCORD

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes
February 6, 2009
7:30 A.M.

The meeting convened at 7:30 A.M. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord. Coffee and refreshments were served compliments of David Feller.

Chairperson Carley called the meeting to order at 7:35 A.M.

PRESENT: Tim Bernier, Christopher Carley, Mark Coen, Peter Cook, David Feller, Larry Gloekler, John Hoyt, Jan McClure, Bill Norton, Dan St. Hilaire, Claudia Walker, and Stephen Heavener

ABSENT: Allen Bennett, Doug Black, and Byron Champlin

STAFF: Carlos Baía, Deputy City Manager - Development
Bev Rafferty, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Chip Chesley, General Services Director
Jim Howard, Deputy City Manager - Finance

I. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5TH EDAC MEETING AND DECEMBER 12TH AND 19, 2008 AND JANUARY 16, 2009 REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Carlos Baía noted that the minutes for the January 16, 2009 sub-committee had been amended to reflect the additional recommendation that the Architectural Design Review Committee have an elected chairperson that should not be a city employee.

David Feller made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Jan McClure; motion passed unanimously.

II. PAY-AS-YOU-THROW PROPOSAL

Carlos Baía noted that EDAC did not come to any resolution on this at their meeting in December and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee would like input from EDAC on this issue.

Chip Chesley, Director of General Services, was present to answer any questions EDAC might have before making a recommendation. He noted that the pay-as-you-throw concept had been approved by the Conservation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

Some members of EDAC inquired about the leaf bagging process and Mr. Chesley noted this had been changed. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee had met last week and there seemed to be much support to continue some form of vacuuming leaves in the Fall. They may miss some homes that put out leaves in bags at the very end of the Fall but if homeowners call, they will send a truck to collect the bagged leaves. The cost savings would be approximately \$50,000.

Discussion continued regarding the cost of solid waste disposal.

There was discussion on collecting recycling weekly vs. every two weeks. Mr. Chesley reviewed some budget numbers and noted that the General Fund will continue to support solid waste disposal for \$1.5M. Mr. Chesley noted apartments and condos have concerns over recycling due to storage issues if not picked up only every two weeks. By putting all households on a weekly recycling basis, all households would be treated the same.

Tim Bernier noted that the revenue generated from pay-as-you-throw would be borne by the residents of Concord at a time when times are tough. He's not sure he sees the community benefit. The fairer way may be through the tax rate.

Tim Bernier inquired if there was an administrative cost to do this program. Mr. Chesley informed EDAC that the General Services budget is well over \$25M and most of that is from Enterprise Funds so the infrastructure is already there to administer this program.

Bill Norton made a motion that EDAC endorse the pay-as-you-throw program; seconded by David Feller; motion passed with one "no" vote.

Chairperson Carley asked for a volunteer to attend the City Council meeting Monday night, February 9th, in his place as he has a conflict. Bill Norton will attend to represent EDAC.

III. FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Deputy City Manager of Finance, Jim Howard, made a PowerPoint presentation to EDAC regarding the city's financial state. A copy of his presentation was provided to those in attendance and is attached.

(At 8:40 A.M., Larry Gloekler left the meeting.)

(At 8:50 A.M., Claudia Walker left the meeting.)

It was suggested that a discussion of what EDAC should do to increase investment in the city be raised at the next meeting. Chairperson Carley thanked Mr. Howard for attending today's meeting.

Due to the time, no other items on the agenda were addressed at today's meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Carlos Baía thanked David Feller for hosting today's meeting and with there being no further business and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Rafferty
Administrative Assistant